

# FRIENDS

of the Chesterfield County Public Library



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Summer 2005

## "And the Read Goes On"

Friday, June 10,  
Saturday, June 11,  
and Sunday, June 12, 2005  
Barnes & Noble stores in  
Chesterfield County

Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library and Barnes & Noble are hosting a Book Fair, "And the Read Goes On," to benefit the Friends' work for library programs and initiatives. A percentage of each sale will be donated to the Friends when a shopper presents a voucher at the time of purchase. This includes books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and gifts.

Vouchers are available at all nine branches of the library and at the Friends' table in each store during the entire weekend. They are also available at <http://library.co.chesterfield.va.us/>, and on the back of this newsletter.

Two special appearances by professional storyteller Pam Bomboy will be featured on Saturday, June 11, at the Commonwealth Centre store at 11 a.m. and at the Huguenot Road store at 1 p.m. Popular store character "Clifford" will appear at 10 a.m. at Commonwealth Center and 2 p.m. at Huguenot Road.

Stock up on gifts for Dad or the neighborhood grad, or paperbacks for the beach bag or summer vacation. Add a few new titles to your favorite kid's collection.

This is the Friends' major fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to hand out vouchers. For the Huguenot Road store contact Marjorie Clark at 276-2354 or [mclarkdem@yahoo.com](mailto:mclarkdem@yahoo.com). Contact Jan Belote 745-0162 or [flysis@infionline.net](mailto:flysis@infionline.net) to volunteer at the Commonwealth Centre Store.

## Friends' 35th anniversary gift presented to library

Chesterfield County Friends of the Library celebrate the 35th Anniversary of their formation with a gift for the benefit of the community, specifically to benefit older adults in the library community. The Executive Board of the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library voted in the early spring to allocate \$3,500 to purchase large print and/or audio books suitable for older adults. The collection will be a travelling one, available for stays at various branches. It will also be available for homebound adults and those in retirement communities. The collection is being selected, purchased, and processed by Materials Management of the Chesterfield County Public Library. The Friends will make additions to the collections in coming years. Library Director Mike Mabe made a commitment to enlarge the collection so that eventually it would be housed at every branch. Vice President-Memberships Marjorie Clark, who is 35th Anniversary Chair, made the presentation.



Library Director Mike Mabe and Friends VP Marjorie Clark show gift check for large print and audio book acquisitions.

photos by Samuel Nixon, Sr.

This gift of \$3,500 was part of the 35th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library on May 9. In addition, Muriel Miller Branch made a special presentation in honor of her husband Willis Branch; Sheila Callear received the ALCOA award for Distinguished Volunteerism; and Jan Belote made a special presentation from Verizon Telecom Pioneers. Library Director Michael Mabe and Programs Director Janet Baumgartner each spoke to the group.

"Celebrating Enrichment in the Community through Service and Philanthropy" was the theme of the panel discussion led by moderator Bonnie Harris Mahayni, Friends historian. Samuel A. Nixon, Sr., presented a Meditation of Service based on Rick Warren's *The Purpose-Driven Life*. Panelists were Nancy Wright Beasley, author of *Izzy's Fire: Finding Humanity in the Holocaust*; Sandra Waugaman and Thomas Cannon, coauthors of *Poor Man's Philanthropist: The Thomas Cannon Story*; and students from the SUCCESS program at Manchester High School, Cary Bailey and Amanda Donnelly with teacher Kristin Breslin, who were on hand by special request of Thomas Cannon because of their service to the community. The discussion was lively and inspirational, and book signings followed the presentation.



Thomas Cannon

FOCCPL First VP Andrea Brown was in charge of the Annual Program. Darcy Davies was Reception Table Chair, and Shirley Seaborn and Jan Belote greeted each guest. Bonnie Mahayni made the original hand-written invitations, and planned the questions for the speaker. New members of the FOCCPL Board of Directors, Marilyn Dundon, Dawn Hall, Teresa O'Miller, and Melinda Patriquin were introduced. Kathy Geranios was re-elected President.

***Friends  
of the Chesterfield County  
Public Library  
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The Friends of the Library Board  
meets the second Monday of each month  
(except June, July, and December),  
7—9 p.m. at Central Library.  
**Publication information**  
The FOL newsletter is published  
4 times per year.  
Please send information to Sunny Reed,  
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P.O. Box 4842, Midlothian, VA 23112,  
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## **Chesterfield FOL President reports at Annual Meeting**

*The following is an excerpt from the President's Report at the Annual Meeting, May 9, 2005.*

I never really pictured myself as the President. My ambitions were certainly not there when I served as your First Vice President for well over a decade and a half in my almost 20 years as a member of the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library. I can honestly say that in my heart, serving as the President holds the same significance as does wearing my grandmother's ring (presented to Kathy by her mother on Mother's Day), and I gladly take the charge.

It is an honor to serve as your President for the advancement of the Friends, libraries, literacy, and Chesterfield. It is a joy to serve with the marvelous, talented, committed Board of Directors that I am blessed with, and the leaders of the Friends branches who admirably serve their libraries and communities. It is enriching working with Library Director Mike Mabe, Friends liaison Carolyn Slagle, and the Administrative Staff.

I realize that because of the Friends' Strategic Plan that interfaces with the Library's Strategic Plan that mirrors the County's Strategic Plan, the opportunities for Friends' advocacy are at an all-time high, and I know the time for that is now.

I am proud of the many FOCCPL accomplishments of the past two years, especially: the Bond Referendum, the Strategic Plan, the Collaborative Effort which has brought quality programming to Chesterfield's libraries and initiatives, our support of the acclaimed Sixties' Documentary Series, the Friends' participation at the Veteran's Day commemoration, the return of the Writers Workshop, the Friends newsletters, the Barnes & Noble "And the Read Goes On" Annual Fundraisers, the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service Project, the service presentations and program of tonight. And the list could go on and on...

Tonight, as I proudly wear my grandmother's ring, I willingly and confidently wear upon my shoulders the mantle of the presidency. I acknowledge that this is a tremendous responsibility and it takes hard work and perseverance. My goal is to take the Friends rapidly and solidly into the future, and together, we will!

*Kathryn Helen Geranios*



## **Alcoa gives ACTION Grant to Friends**

Chesterfield County Friends VP-Public Relations Sheila Callear, who is also Central Branch Friends leader, was instrumental in arranging for the Alcoa ACTION Grant of \$1,500 to the Friends as a result of her and four other Alcoa employees' work as volunteers for the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library.

The Alcoa employees, Phyllis Jones, Bill Powell, Amy Sluss, Pat Schweitzer, and Sheila Callear worked at Central Library one Saturday in September, 2004, sorting and placing donated and library-discarded books in boxes for future donations to local area nursing homes, church libraries, and the military overseas. They also cleared and cleaned the Central Library area where the books were stored.



*Central Friends members prepare boxes of discarded books to be donated to local organizations.*

photo by Sunny Reed

## **Central Friends member shares books with library in need**

Through the efforts of Central Library's Friend, George Reynolds, a needy library in Monterey, Virginia, received 10 boxes of books, National Geographic magazines, and Reader's Digest Condensed Books. Reynolds located the library in need through research, and he and his wife Dorothy were able to deliver the books to the Highland County Public Library. This library is the only one in the 426 square miles of Highland County. It was built in the mid 1980's using 100% donations. The library's operational costs are paid by three primary sources: county taxes, state support, and fundraising events. The donations came from Central Library's April Book Sale.

George is an active volunteer at Central, helping with book sales and other events. More importantly, he is a very caring person, loves books, and has a tremendous desire to share books with everyone. Thank you, George!



FUNtastic  
Reading!  
(for readers  
and listeners  
through  
elementary age)

## Summer Reading begins June 20 at Chesterfield County Public Libraries

The Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library is sponsoring terrific programs for the Library's FUNtastic Summer Reading Club. Ty-Rone Travis, Ventriloquist; Magic 4 U! featuring Brad Matchett; The Sue Wood Marionettes with "Goldilocks and the Three Bears;" Lucky Bill Parrish, the Singing Cowboy; and Dennis Farmer, Historical Reenactor will appear at all of the nine libraries in the county. Check the 2005 Summer Reading Club booklet or call a local library for the schedule.

In addition, Summer Reading Club members are eligible to earn three pirate stamps by checking out books on three different days, and then members may unlock the summer Treasure Chest at any library and select a prize.

Adults can encourage kids to read by taking part, too. Reading just five books will make one eligible to enter the grand prize drawing in August.



Reading Club for Teens

## Mary Ann Harmon to be honored on ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll

The Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library recently received information from the American Library Association that Mary Ann Harmon will be added to the American Library Association/Association for Library Trustees and Advocates National Advocacy Honor Roll. The 2nd National Advocacy Honor Roll Banquet will be held on Friday, June 24, 2005, at the Hotel Intercontinental Chicago during the ALA Annual Conference. Beginning in 2000, ALTA and ALA began honoring extraordinary library advocates from the state and local level through the National Advocacy Honor Roll.

Friends President Kathy Geranios made these comments for Mary Ann Harmon's nomination for the ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll.

"Libraries do indeed build communities, as evidenced by the vast contributions to Chesterfield by former, long-running FOCCPL President Mary Ann Harmon, who was one of the Commonwealth of Virginia's most ardent library advocates and a true American patriot. Her leadership roles at the Library of Virginia, with Friends of the Library groups throughout the state and beyond, and through her associations with the Virginia Library Association attest to Mary Ann Harmon's sphere of influence. The many awards and recognitions that Mary Ann garnered on behalf of advocacy issues and positive community involvement are truly impressive, ranging from Outstanding Recognitions from the VLA, Friends of Virginia Libraries, and Virginia Public Library Directors' Association, to Resolutions for the Chesterfield County Friends presented at the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors for the 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> year-long FOCCPL anniversary

celebrations with activities that promoted community involvement. In 1991, Mary Ann Harmon was chosen as a delegate at the Governor's and President's Conferences on Libraries and Public Information. She spearheaded dedication ceremonies for new libraries, advocated strongly for Bond Referenda to advance the libraries' reach in the community, and immersed herself in construction projects for the new libraries, such as the LaPrade Library, which has been dedicated as the Harmon Building in honor of her tireless efforts. All the while, this most deserving honor role nominee advocated for the best facilities and services to serve the needs of new and flourishing Chesterfield communities as she continued to speak on behalf of literacy, libraries, community volunteerism, public information, and the sanctity of the First Amendment in the lives of Americans."

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### More news

The local chapter of Verizon TelecomPioneers presented Chesterfield County Public Library with the fully illustrated book *Alexander Graham Bell, The Life and Times of the Man Who Invented the Telephone* by Bell's great-grandson Edwin S. Grosvenor, and Morgan Wesson. A copy will be available for each branch library.

Neal Wyatt of the Central Library staff has been named a nationally outstanding librarian by the *American Library Journal*. Neal is a collection management librarian, selecting nonfiction, creating booklists, and training librarians in reader's advisory. Neal recently recommended Alice Munro's *Runaway: Stories*.

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### GO READ selects *Charming Billy*

The National Book Award winner for 1998, *Charming Billy*, by Alice McDermott, has been selected as the 2005 title for GO READ, the community reading initiative of Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico.

"Somewhere in the Bronx, only twenty minutes or so from the cemetery, Maeve found a small bar-and-grill in a wooded alcove set well off the street that was willing to serve the funeral party of forty-seven," and so begins this book of Irish American immigrants who gather to tell the tales of Billy's life and his struggle with alcoholism, lost love, and intricate family relationships and friendships.

Alice McDermott will visit Richmond on December 1.

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**Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library**  
**"And the Read Goes On"**

Location

**Barnes & Noble Stores**  
**4600 Commonwealth Park, Midlothian VA**  
**1200 Huguenot Road, Midlothian, VA**

Time/Date:

**9a.m. - 11 p.m. June 10-12, 2005**

*Present this voucher at the cash registers at the time of purchase.*

*A percent of the net sale will be donated to the organization.*

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